
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Executive Order 37

ESTABLISHING THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA AND HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEES

It is important to maintain the public trust in state government. To ensure that 100 percent of the funds generated by passage of the two transportation referenda will remain in the specific areas and be used only for the transportation purposes set forth by law, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to, Chapter 1 of Title 2.2 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish the Northern Virginia Transportation Accountability Committee and the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Committee.

These citizen Committees will ensure that the legal mandate to dedicate all funds to the specific transportation programs in the two regions is met. In short, the Committees will make absolutely certain that all of the revenues generated upon the successful passage of the Northern Virginia transportation referendum will remain in Northern Virginia for transportation purposes and make absolutely certain that all of the revenues generated by the Hampton Roads transportation referendum will remain in Hampton Roads for transportation purposes.

Mission and Composition of the Citizen Accountability Committees

The Committees will be required to review annual audits, financial reports, and performance reports of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on the following:

- Compliance with the statutory requirement that referendum proceeds must be used for the transportation projects and programs specified in Chapter 853 of the 2002 Acts of Assembly and may not be diverted to any other uses or any other regions of the Commonwealth.
- Compliance with the required maintenance of local financial effort for transportation, as defined in Chapter 853 of the 2002 Acts of Assembly.
- Compliance with the requirement that referendum revenues not be used to calculate or reduce any federal, state or local funds otherwise available to the localities or regions, as specified in Chapter 853 of the Acts of Assembly of 2002.
- Compliance with limitations on the use of referendum proceeds for administrative purposes, as specified in Chapter 853 of the 2002 Acts of Assembly.

The Committees shall present their annual reports to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1st of each year.

The members of the Committees shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve for fixed terms of four years. Members may not be removed prior to the end of their appointed term. The Governor shall designate a chairman of each Committee. Members of the Committees shall serve without compensation, but they may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties upon approval of the Chief of Staff.

Staff support necessary for the work of the Committees shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Finance and such executive branch agencies as the Governor may designate. An estimated 250 hours of staff time shall be needed to support the work of the Committees.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further Executive Order.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 18th day of October 2002.

Mark R. Warner, Governor

Attest:

Secretary of the Commonwealth